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1. EMBASSY OFFICERS MET WITH DR. B. PARSA, DEPUTY
MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION ON MAY 2 TO
REVIEW STATUS OF THREE USIRJC PROGRAM EFFORTS, NAMELY,
ARID LANDS SCIENCES, EARTHQUAKE EFFECTS, AND OCEANOGRAPHY.

2. PARSA HAS AGREED TO HOLD ARID-LANDS SCIENCES WORKSHOP
IN TEHRAN, PROBABLY AT MINISTRY OFFICES, DURING LATE
AUTUMN THIS YEAR. HE EXPECTS COMBINED US AND GOI
ATTENDANCE OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTY PEOPLE, WITH SIX TO
EIGHT FROM U.S. HE AGREED TO THE TEN TOPICS DISCUSSED
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IN FEBRUARY PROPOSAL BY UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA.
HE URGES THAT BOTH SIDES ADD PAPER ON SOCIAL
EFFECTS, ON POPULATION DUE TO ARID LANDS, AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS
SAME AT WORKSHOP.

3. IN RESPONSE TO NSF PROPOSAL ON EARTHQUAKE EFFECTS,
SUBJECT PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED; WORKSHOP TO BE HELD APRIL

1979 IN SHIRAZ.

4. PARSA CONFIDED THAT STATUS OF INTEREST IN OCEANOGRAPHY HIGHLY UNCERTAIN AND INFERRED THAT OCEANOGRAPHY NO LONGER ENJOYS HIGH PRIORITY WITHIN GOI. HE WILL VISIT KEY PERSON IN SHIRAZ, AT PAHLAVI UNIVERSITY DURING NEXT FEW DAYS IN ATTEMPT TO GET BETTER READING ON SUBJECT. EMBASSY WILL CONTACT PARSA ON HIS RETURN TO TEHRAN AND CONVEY MORE DEFINITIVE PROGRAM UP-DATE TO DEPARTMENT RE OCEANOGRAPHY AT THAT TIME.

5. DR. PARSA RAISED SUBJECT OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, REMINDING US OF U.S. COMMITMENT DURING FEBRUARY USIRJC MEETINGS TO PROVIDE GOI WITH INFORMATION ON SUBJECT OF ESTABLISHING CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ALONG LINES OF, FOR EXAMPLE, KOREAN INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (KIST). EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DOE FOLLOW-UP BY FORWARDING INFORMATION RE POSSIBLE MECHANISMS FOR ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING GOI CENTER FOR S&T.
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